

Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The reply filed 11 December 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant has not specifically pointed out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references. The applicant simply provides general arguments, not specific to any of the claims. The applicant also has not explained how the claims are patentable over the prior art of record as required. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be a *bona fide* attempt, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission(s) or correction(s) in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Dennison whose telephone number is (571)272-3910. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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